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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, the 22nd July, 1980/Ashada 31, 1902 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Eight of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS
(To which oral answers were given)

Tanks in Belgaum Taluk

38 SRI B. B. SAYANAK. (Belgaum)—Will the Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation be pleased to state.—

(a) number of tanks that are in Belgaum taluka;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of the tanks were constructed by the then States in Belgaum taluka;

(c) if so, the reason for levying the water rate on agriculturists

(d) whether it is a fact that all the tanks are silted;

(e) if so, when desilting work will be taken up?

SRI M.M. J. SADYOJATHA(Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation).—

(a) There are 141 tanks in Belgaum taluka.

(b) No.

(c) It is being levied as per Karnataka Irrigation Act and Rules

(d) No

(e) Desilting work is being taken up experimentally in order to examine the economies of this work. No programme has been drawn up for desilting the tanks in the State. The desilting of tanks in this taluk will be considered while drawing up of the Programme.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know out of 141 tanks in Belgaum Taluks, how many are constructed by the Government of Karnataka and how many are constructed by the then States?

SRI M.M. J. SADYOJATHA.—Sir, 63 tanks were constructed by the Former Bombay State in Belgaum Taluk, and after 1956, ten tanks have been constructed by the Government of Karnataka.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK.—Sir, the Government have stated that there are 141 tanks in Belgaum Taluka. Out of 141 tanks 63 tanks were constructed by the then Government of Bombay and 10 tanks were constructed by the Government of Karnataka. It means there are 73 tanks in all, but the Government have answered that there are 141 tanks. So, these figures are not tallying. I want to know why?

SRI M.M. J. SADYOJATHA.—Sir, that information is not available with me.

SRI B.B. J SAYANAK.—Sir, these 63 tanks have been constructed by the then Government of Bombay and the Government of Karnataka has not done anything to these tanks. Then, how and why the Government of Karnataka is levying betterment tax?

SRI M. M SADYOJATHA.—Sir, since these tanks are incharge of P.W.D. and also are maintained by it, they come under the purview of Karnataka Government.

SRI B.B SAYANAK.—Sir, my question is simple when there is no repair work, or when there is no construction work by the Government of Karnataka, why betterment levy is levied?

SRI M.M. J. SADYOJATHA.—Sir, all the tanks are maintained upto date.

SRI P.A. PAWASHE.—Sir in the answer, it has been stated that desilting work is being taken up experimentally in order to examine the economies of this work. May I know whether any silting works are taken up?

SRI M.M.J. SADYOJATHA.—Not yet. But, we are going to take up in future.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK.—Sir, without doing any repair works or construction works to these 63 tanks, you have levied betterment levy. Therefore, on behalf of agriculturists I request the Government not to levy the same.

SRI M.M·J. SADYOJATHA.—Sir I will examine it.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK.—Sir, there is a firing in Nargund and Navalgund, on account of agitation, this levy is also one of the reasons for agitation there.

SRI M.M.J. SADYOJATHA.—Sir, I have got the information now, we are not collecting betterment levy.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK.—Thank you sir.